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Re-employment

52 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to grant extension of service to the Dean of the Madras Medical College; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) & (b): The present Dean of the Madras Medical College and Government General Hospital, Madras is a retired and re-employed officer. The Government have sanctioned his re-employment for a further period of one year from 18th July 1962, in view of the difficulty in finding a suitable officer for the post.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Is it a fact, Sir, then that there are no qualified hands down below the rank of the Dean, working in the Madras Medical College?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: It is not qualification alone that matters, Sir. Experience also counts. And again the Dean of the Madras Medical College and hospital should not do private practice. All these things have to be taken into consideration and no doctors are willing to offer themselves for appointment to this post. Under the circumstances, the present Dean continues.

* 53 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: I am not putting the question, Sir.

Artificial Limbfitting Centre

* 54 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up any artificial limbfitting centre in the State; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) & (b): The Government have established an Artificial Limb and Orthopaedic Splint-making Centre in the Government General Hospital, Madras. Some of the personnel required for running the Centre have been deputed for training in the Artificial Limb Centre, Poona and in the All-India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Bombay, and are now undergoing the training.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.